

# 5 Bahrainis among Forbes' 100 most powerful bizwomen list

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**F**ive Bahrainis have figured among 100 women named as most powerful businesswomen in the Arab world in a list compiled by Forbes Middle East.

Y K Almoayyed & Sons Managing Director Mona Almoayyed, Batelco CEO Muna Al Hashemi, Bahrain Mumtalak Holding Company Chief Financial Officer Suha Karzoon, Al Salam Bank Chair Shaikha Hessa Al Khalifa and Securities & Investment Company CEO Najla Al Shirawi are the people who



Mona Almoayyed



Muna Al Hashemi



Najla Al Shirawi



Shaikha Hessa Al Khalifa



Suha Karzoon

made it to the Forbes' list of 100 most powerful Arab businesswomen.

Among the five, Almoayyed ranked the highest after achieving rank 9. Al Hashemi ranked at 16, Karzoon at 27, Shaikha Hessa at 57, and Al Shirawi at 89. Lubna S.

Olayan from Saudi Arabia, who is the CEO of Olayan Financing Company, was ranked as the Most Powerful Arab Businesswomen of 2017.

"This year in particular, women across the Arab world appear to be cracking the remaining glass ceilings, and

nowhere more so it seems than in the banking sector. The region's banks have raised several high-achieving and long-serving women to its highest positions, with the industry representing 28% of our 2017 list. Saudi Arabia took the lead in high-

level appointments. Rania Mahmoud Nashar, CEO of Samba Financial Group, became the first woman to head a commercial bank in the Kingdom, Latifa Homoud Alsabhan was promoted as the CFO of Arab National Bank, and Sarah Al Suhaimi, CEO of

NCB Capital, was appointed as chair of the country's stock market, Tadawul, as the Kingdom looks to join MSCI emerging markets index. The region's governments have also appointed women to key roles in finance and industry," Forbes stated.

"To compile these rankings, we collected information from annual reports and company websites, as well as other primary sources. We looked at: Company revenues or GDP in the case of government departments and ministries, years of experience, scope of the role or ministry," Forbes stated explaining the criteria while compiling the list.

## AFC president among 50 most powerful football figures

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**A**sian Football Confederation (AFC) President, FIFA Vice President Shaikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al-Khalifa has been ranked among the top 50 most influential football personalities in the world for 2017.

The ESPN network has also ranked Shaikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al-Khalifa atop most influential football figures in the Asian continent.

The ESPN list, the second since 2015, featured other leading football personalities, including FIFA president, heads of continental and national federations, presidents of world football clubs and other current and retired star players, coaches and others. The ESPN Network portal shed



Shaikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al-Khalifa

light on the AFC achievement under the presidency of President Shaikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al-Khalifa who took over in 2013. It highlighted his dedicated efforts to unify

the Asian football community, enhance championship, combat corruption and match-fixing, in addition to turning Asia into a destination for mega sport events.

BAHRAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
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### Semi-Annual Interim Dividends for the Year 2017

With reference to the meeting of the Board of Directors of Bahrain Telecommunications Company (Batelco) B.S.C held on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the Board approved the distribution of 10 fils per share as interim dividends for eligible shareholders who are listed in the share register as of July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The distribution of interim dividends will start from August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Eligible shareholders who are listed in the share register should contact our Service Registrar as follow:

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## Minister receives UK ambassador

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**L**abour and Social Development Minister, Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan, received here yesterday the UK Ambassador to Bahrain, Simon Martin, in the presence of the British consultants specialised in organising and assessing the work of civil society organisation and NGOs.

The meeting is within the framework of the follow-up on the action programme

implemented by the Labour and Social Development Ministry and the British Embassy.

They discussed ways to enhance joint cooperation and exchange expertise to develop civil society organisations and NGOs as well as developing the supervisory role of the NGOs' Directorate at the Labour and Social Development Ministry in combating money laundering and terror funding.

The minister lauded the

depth of the Bahrain-UK friendly relations, and praised the steady growth of bilateral cooperation in various fields, especially social and development fields.

Humaidan praised the British expertise, and highlighted the need to take advantage of it in developing the projects of NGOs and community partnership to consolidate the services delivered in the field of voluntary work and NGOs' support.